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SUBJECT: Albanian Activities in the United States

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A confidential source within the Government has furnished the following information which may be of interest to you:

Confidential informants advise New York City Branch of Central Free Albania Organization dominated by Communist sympathizers and supporters of Hoxha Government of Albania. Pan Albanian Federation of America, although not as active in New York City, likewise supports that government. Organizations of St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, Albanian-American War Vets of the United States, National Committee of Free Albania and Ballists (Balli Kombetar) represent important opponents of present Albanian Government. Communist Party, USA influence among Albanian communities in New York City of no significance. Activities of Behar Shtylla, present Albanian Minister to France, while Albanian official to the United Nations indicates his engaging in propaganda activities. Founding of Albanian-American Orthodox Church of St. Paul in opposition to Albanian Orthodox Church headed by Bishop Fan S. Noli of Boston.

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